

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 66

Office of Leadership & Learning

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Date:** May 9, 2021
- To:** Area Superintendents, Principals, Vice Principals, Head Counselors, Division and Department Heads, Dual and World Language Teachers
- Subject:** ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL PATHWAY TO BILITERACY AWARDS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES: KINDERGARTEN, 5th, AND 8th, 2020-2021
- Department and/or Persons Concerned:** Area Superintendents, Principals, Vice Principals, Head Counselors, Division and Department Heads, Biliteracy/Dual Language Teachers of Kindergarten, 5th Grade and 8th grade, and Teachers in SLIM/World Language Courses 8th Grade
- Due Date:** Submit final list of students who received the Pathway to Biliteracy Awards to the Office of Language Acquisition, ola@sandi.net by June 11, 2021
- Reference:** Resolution Recognizing the Elementary & Middle School Pathway to Biliteracy Awards for Eligible Kindergarten, 5th and 8th Grade Students
- Action Requested:**
1. All Kindergarten students enrolled in Biliteracy/Dual Language programs receive the Kindergarten Commitment to Biliteracy Certificate.
 2. All eligible 5th and 8th grade students who are currently enrolled in Dual/World Language courses and meet the criteria listed in the link below receive the Pathway to Biliteracy Awards.
 3. Teachers/school counselors review the criteria for eligible 5th and 8th grade students to receive the Pathway to Biliteracy Awards and will prepare and distribute the Awards accordingly.
 4. Submit the [Pathway to Biliteracy Awards Student List 2020-2021](#) to the Office of Language Acquisition, ola@sandi.net by June 11, 2021.
- Attachments/Links:**
- A. Certificates for Kindergarten, 5th or 8th to receive the Elementary/Middle School Pathway to Biliteracy Awards.
- [Criteria for Kindergarten, 5th, 8th Grades Pathway Awards](#)
 - [FAQ's - Pathway to Biliteracy Awards - Updated](#)
 - [Kindergarten Commitment to Biliteracy Certificate 2020-21](#)
 - [5thGrade Certificate Pathway to Biliteracy Certificate 2020 21](#)
 - [8thGrade Certificate Pathway to Biliteracy Certificate 2020 21](#)
 - [Pathway to Biliteracy Awards Student List 2020-2021](#)

Brief Explanation:

The Elementary/Middle School Pathway to Biliteracy Awards are awards granted to students in Kindergarten, 5th and 8th grade certifying that they are in the process of achieving mastery of two or more languages. The Pathway Award is directly linked to the Language Learning Policy adopted by the San Diego Unified School District Board of Trustees in August, 2009, which recognizes that “in addition to being academically prepared and fully proficient in English, all students benefit from being proficient in another language”. In addition, attainment of the Pathway Award clearly advances tenets of the District’s Vision 2020 and The CA Education for a Global Economy Initiative by “preparing our students for the competitive global economy they will face in the years ahead” and the Vision 2020 goal to ensure that “students from all backgrounds in our district develop the ability to communicate in two languages.” Qualifying 5th and 8th grade students receive the Elementary/Middle School Pathway to Biliteracy Awards. All Kindergarten students enrolled in Biliteracy/Dual Language programs receive the Kindergarten Commitment to Biliteracy Certificate.

Eligibility Criteria:

The 5th and 8th grade student criteria link below explains the specific criteria that must be met in order for students to fulfill the requirements for the 5th and 8th grade Pathway to Biliteracy Awards.

For additional information please refer to the [Pathways to Biliteracy Awards - Grades: Kindergarten, 5th, 8th Informational Page 2020/21](#).

For additional information or questions, contact Jonathan Ton in the Office of Language Acquisition (619) 725-7264 or email ola@sandi.net.

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